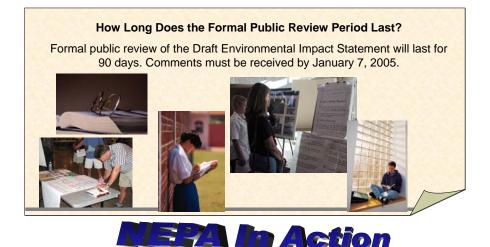


# What is the National Environmental Policy Act?

### What is NEPA?

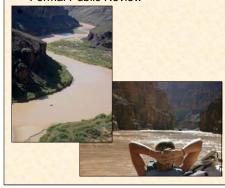
The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is the basic policy for American environmental protection. It sets forth policy and goals and a means for carrying out its principles. NEPA ensures that federal agencies act in good faith during federal undertakings. Details of NEPA are found in 40 CFR 1500-1508.



## Why NEPA?

When a Federal action is planned, the interested public and affected agencies are allowed the opportunity to provide input, identify issues, and to offer solutions prior to the preparation of the final NEPA document. This is accomplished through:

- Scoping
- Formal Public Review



#### DRAFT ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

7 Public Open Houses November 8 – December 2, 2005 Public comment through January 7, 2005

NPS analyzes and addresses comments and modifies the document as needed Winter-Spring 2005

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Final EIS to Public 30-Day "No-Action" Period

Regional Director signs Record of Decision DECISION Spring 2005

**NEPA Complete** 

Finalize Colorado River Management Plan And Implementation Strategy Spring-Summer 2005

#### How Does NEPA Relate to the CRMP?

- The CRMP is a planning document that addresses the management of recreational use of the Colorado River within Grand Canyon National Park.
- The EIS is a detailed environmental document that analyzes the impacts of the various management alternatives.
- The EIS will help the National Park Service determine the preferred management alternative and this alternative will provide the basis for updating the CRMP.



## Comments Can Be Submitted in the Following Ways

✓ Mail to:

CRMP Project Grand Canyon National Park PO Box 129 Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

- ✓ Online at: www.crmpcomments.com:
- ✓ Fax to: 928-638-7797
- ✓ <u>Hand deliver to</u>: Grand Canyon National Park
- ✓ During Public Meetings

Please include your name, email address, and mailing address with all comments.

## For more information check out these websites on NEPA and the NEPA process:

www.nps.gov/grca/crmp

http://planning.den.nps.gov/tools.cfm

http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceg/

http://www.epa.gov/epahome/laws.htm

http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/index.html

#### Still Have Questions? Contact:

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